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SCE&G Makes Donation to Plant it Forward SC

COLUMBIA, S.C. – South Carolina Electric & Gas (SCE&G) donated \$25,000 to *Plant it Forward South Carolina*, an initiative by South Carolina Advocates for Agriculture, on February 25, 2016.

Plant it Forward SC will provide relief funds specifically for covering a portion of seed costs for 2016, as well as hay losses livestock farmers had because of the flood. Total agricultural losses from last October's flood event are expected to exceed \$500 million.

"SCE&G is proud to partner with Commissioner Weathers and the South Carolina Advocates for Agriculture to support our South Carolina farmers," said Keller Kissam, president of retail operations for SCE&G. "We are equally proud of South Carolina Farm Bureau and their effort to overcome the current challenges faced by our agricultural economy in the state of South Carolina."

SCE&G is a regulated public utility engaged in the generation, transmission, distribution and sale of electricity to approximately 698,000 customers in 24 counties in the central, southern and southwestern portions of South Carolina. The company also provides gas service to approximately 347,000 customers in 38 counties in the state.

"On behalf of South Carolina farmers, I cannot thank SCE&G enough for their generous donation to Plant it Forward SC. Many of their customers are the very farmers these funds will go to help. Their donation showcases SCE&G's commitment and loyalty to the communities they service," said Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers.

For more information on Plant it Forward SC, or to make a donation, visit www.plantitforwardsc.org or contact Stefanie Kitchen at 803-734-2210.

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